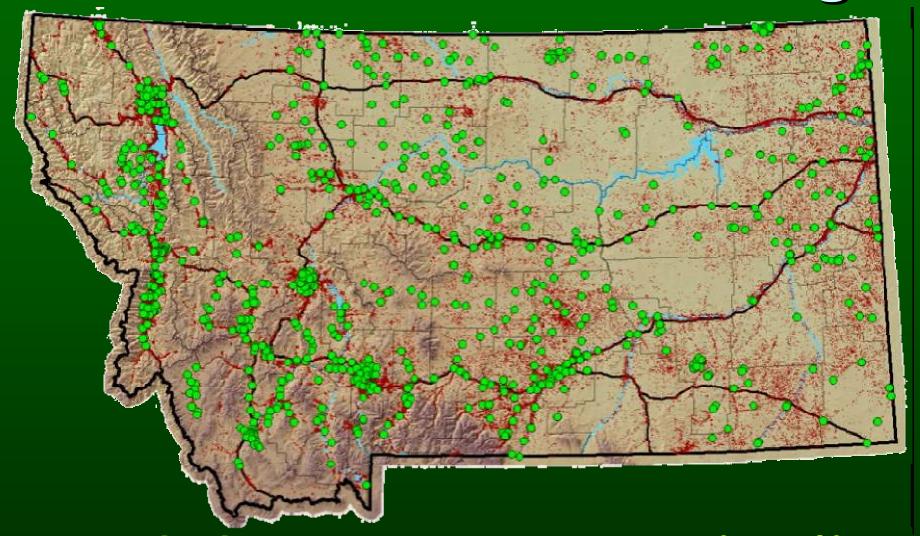


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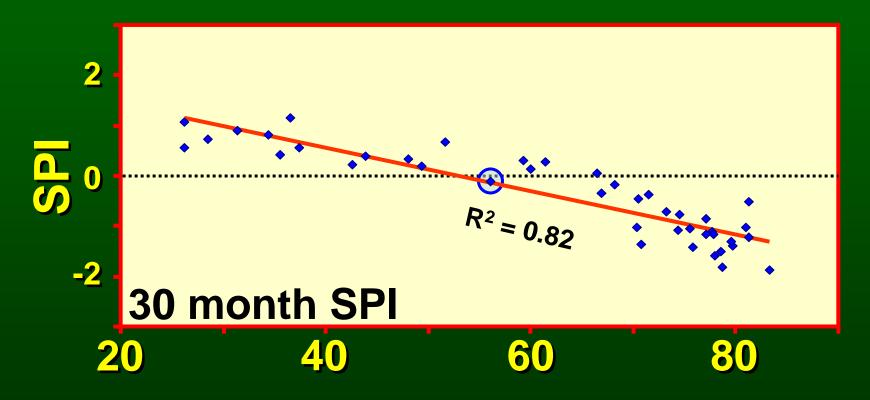
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## **Ground-Water Monitoring**



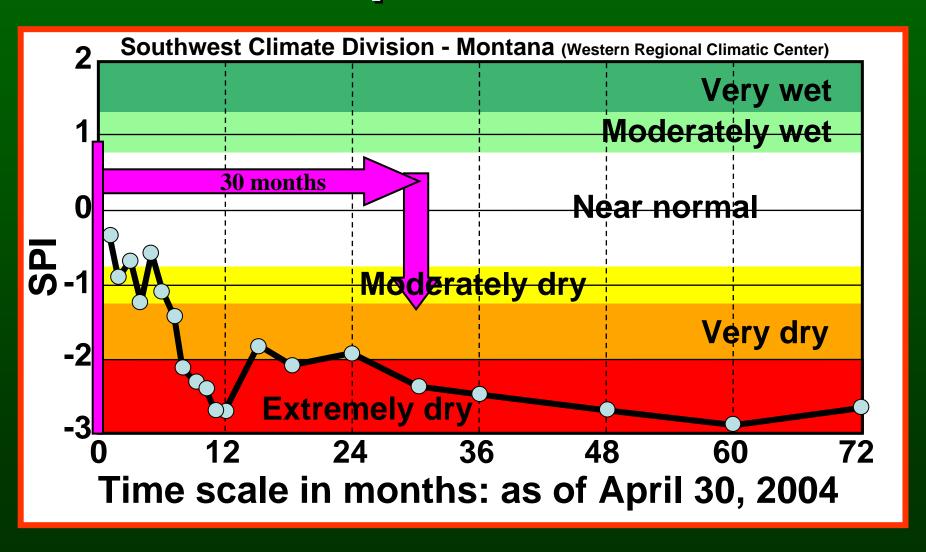
916 monitoring wells. About 30 percent (300+/-) dedicated or unused wells: 105 instrumented wells.

## Negative water-level departures and SPI – climate wells

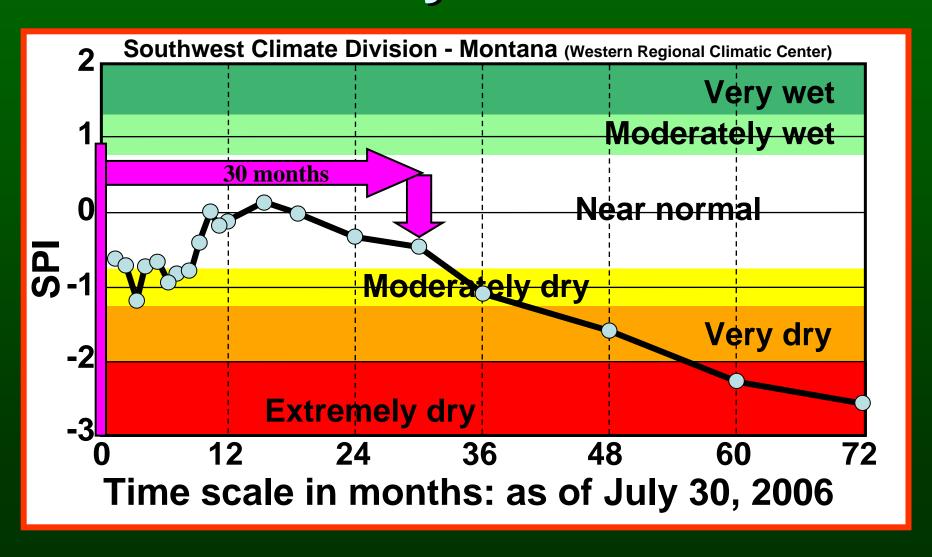


Percent of wells below average

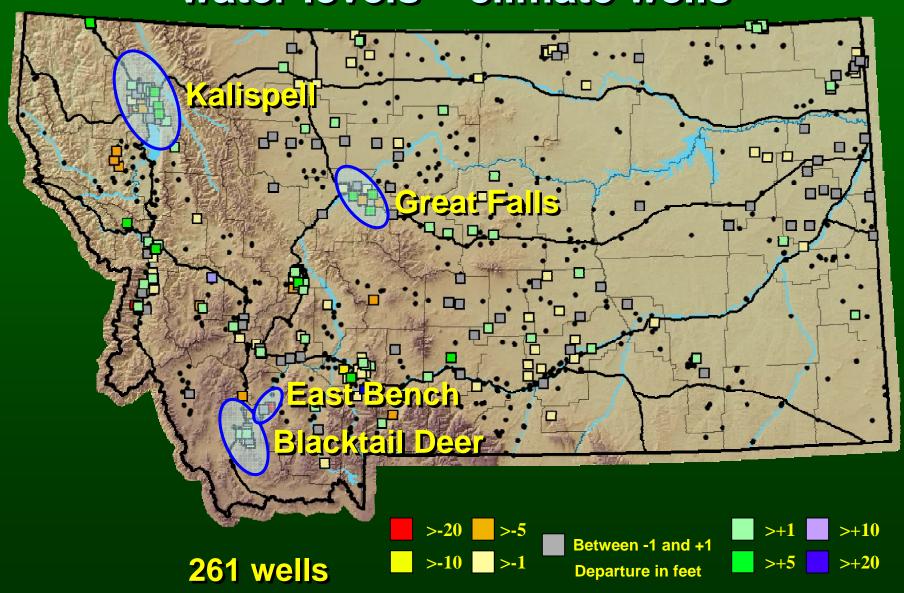
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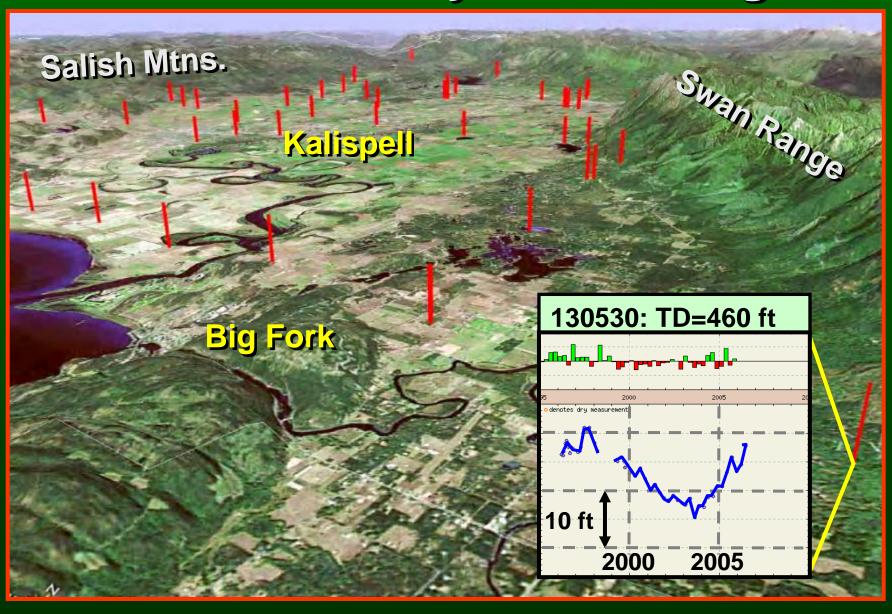


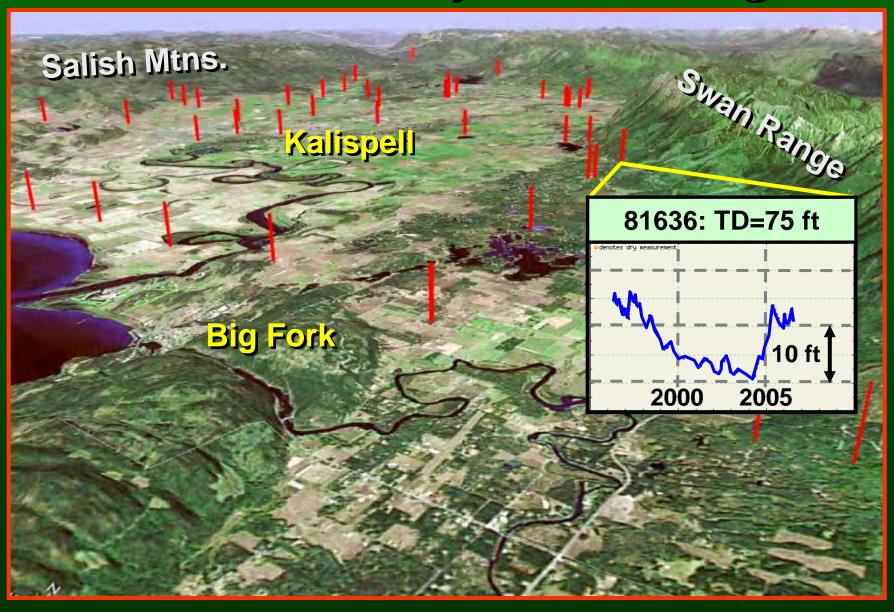
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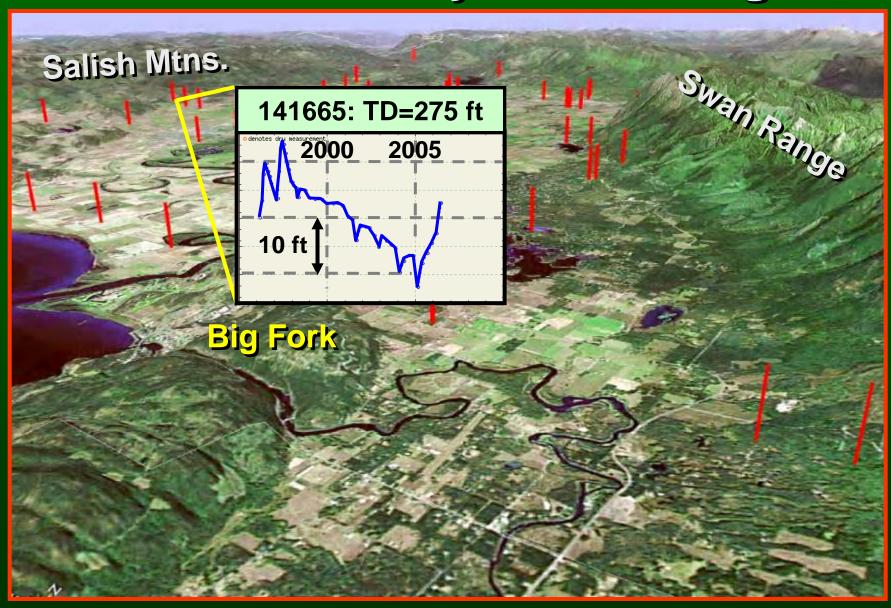


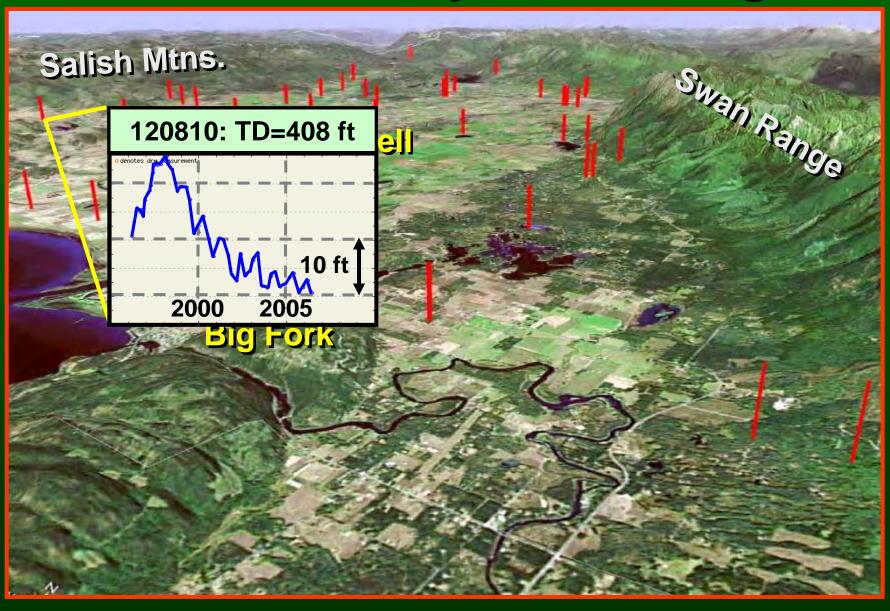
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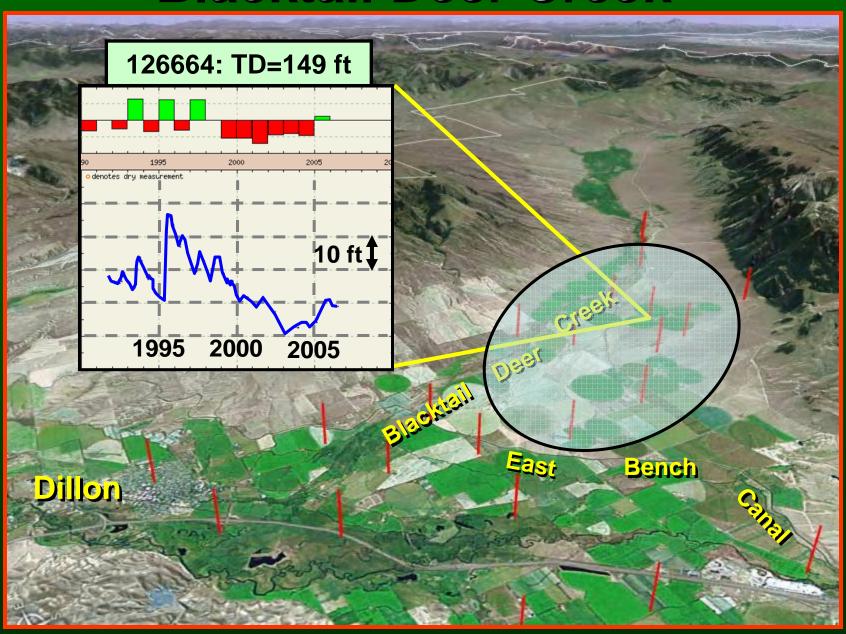




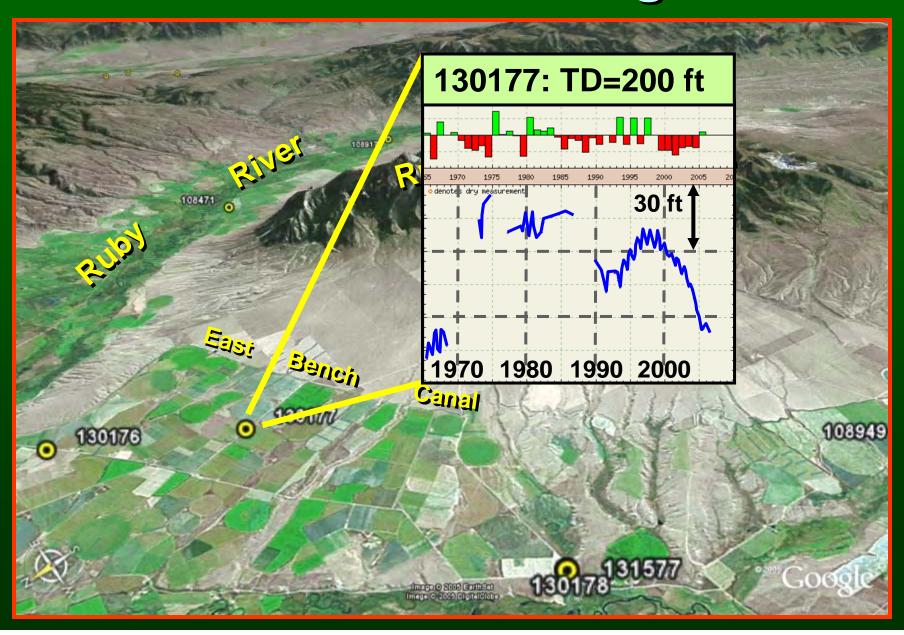




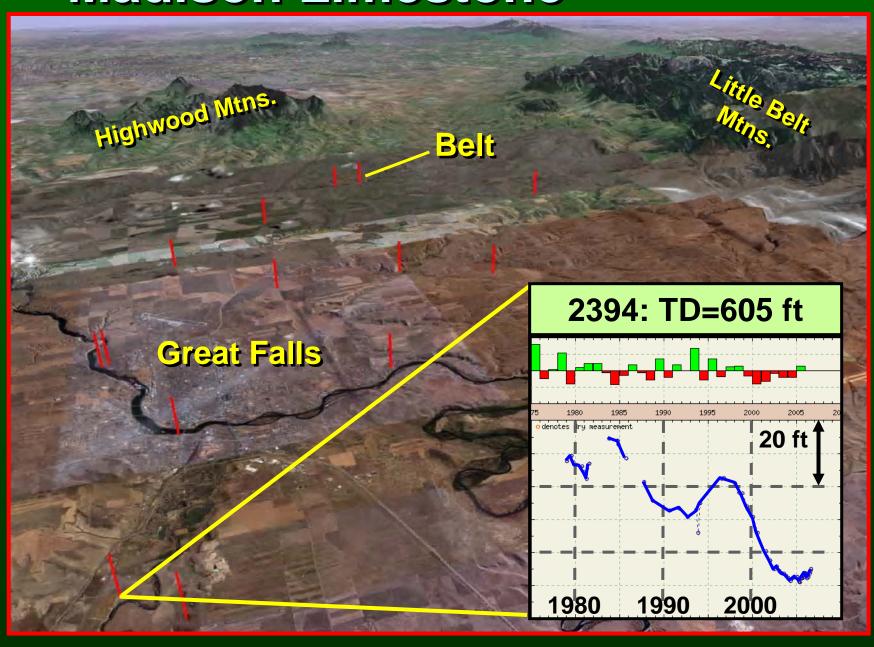
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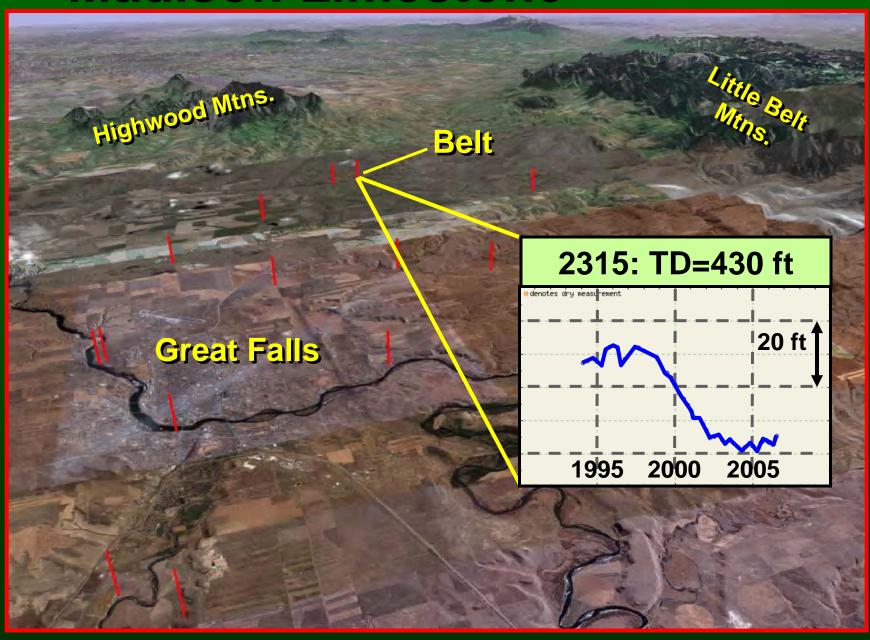
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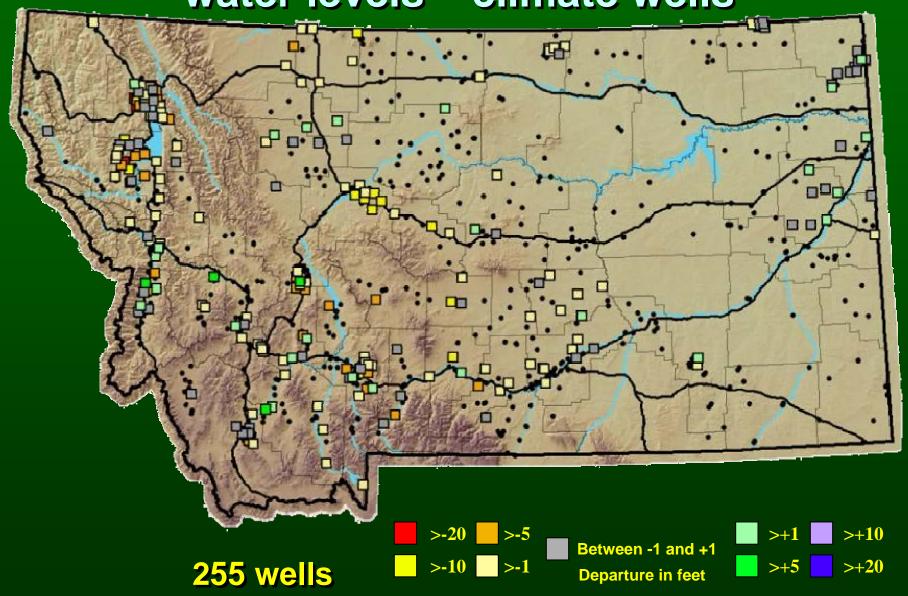
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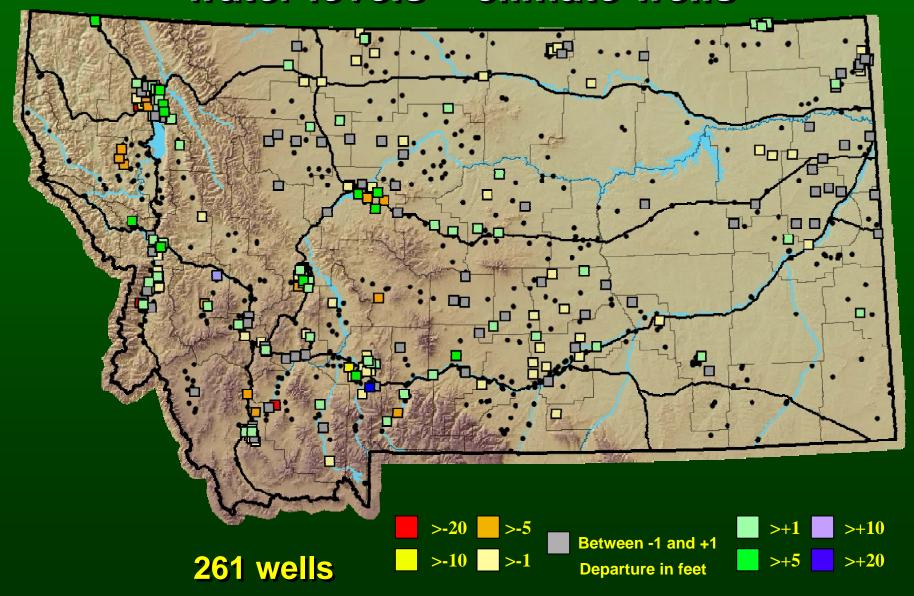
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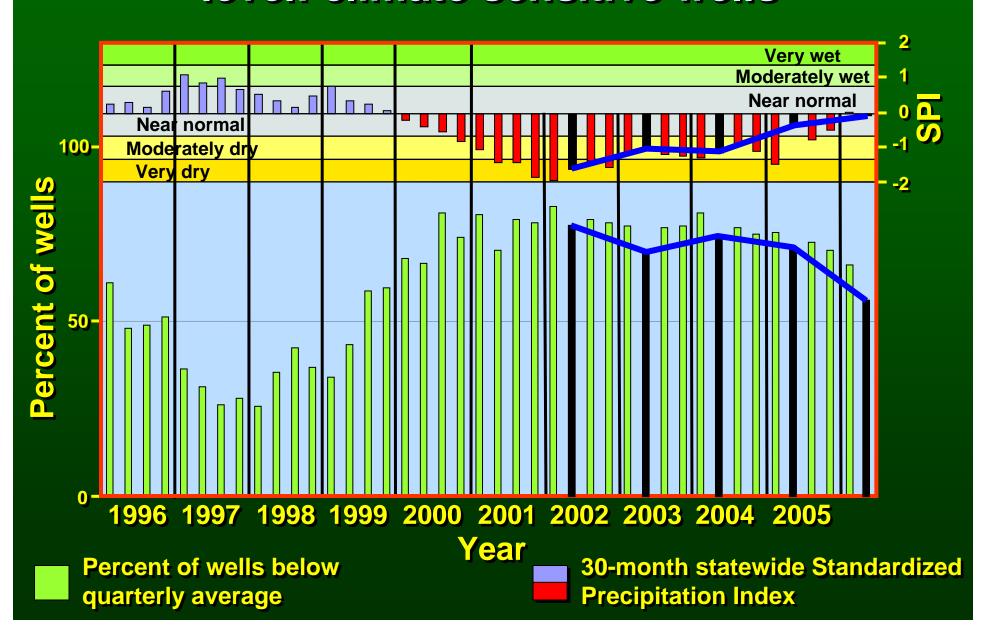
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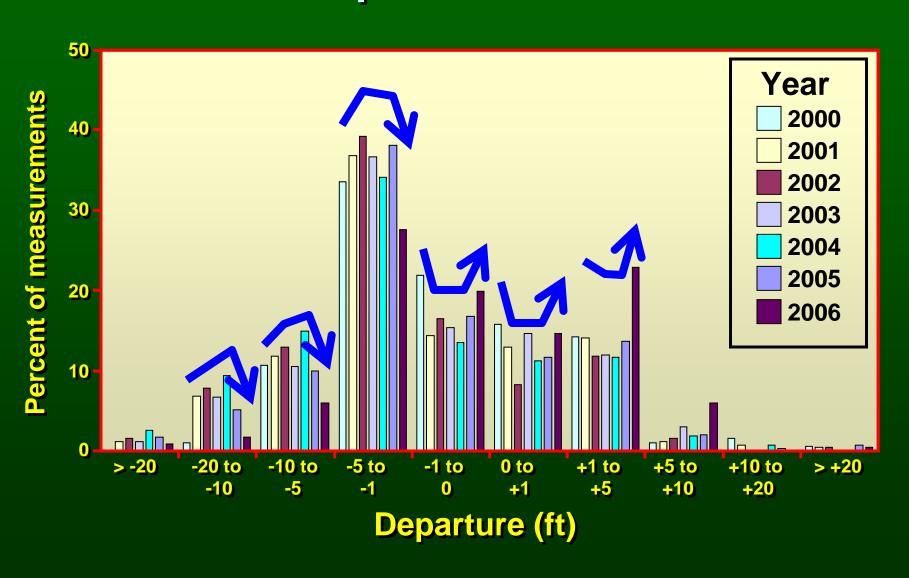
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## Departures from quarterly average water level: climate sensitive wells



## Departure frequencies from average water levels: April-June 2000-2006

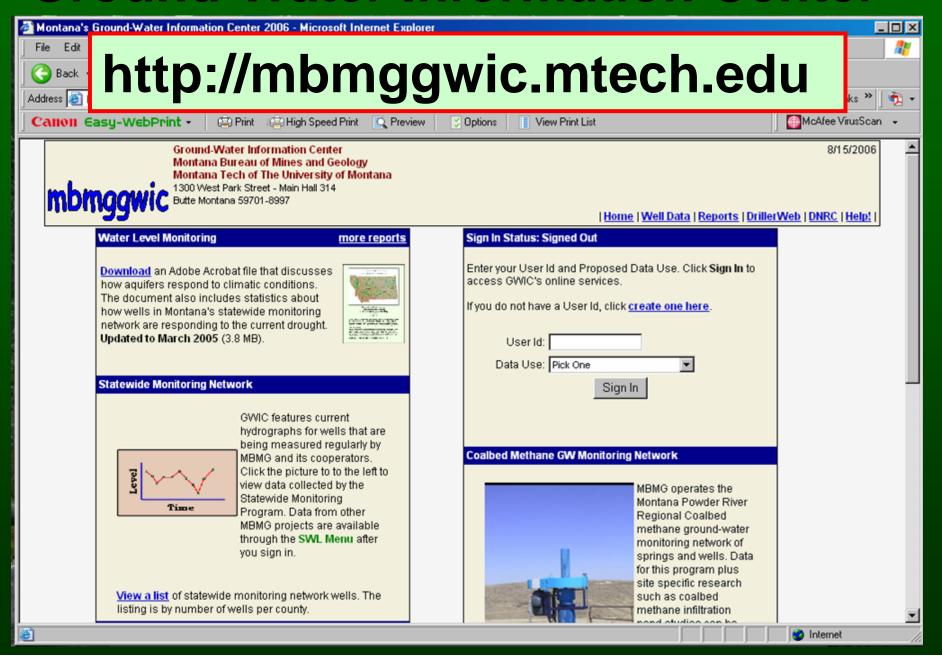


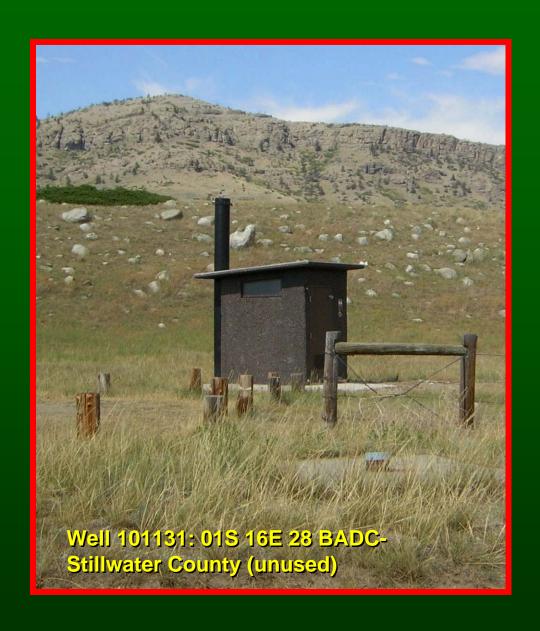
#### Summary

#### Water levels in monitoring network:

- React to climate by generally rising or falling depending on how wet or dry it has been for the preceding 30+/- months.
- Significant recovery has occurred in some areas such as the Kalispell Valley.

#### **Ground-Water Information Center**



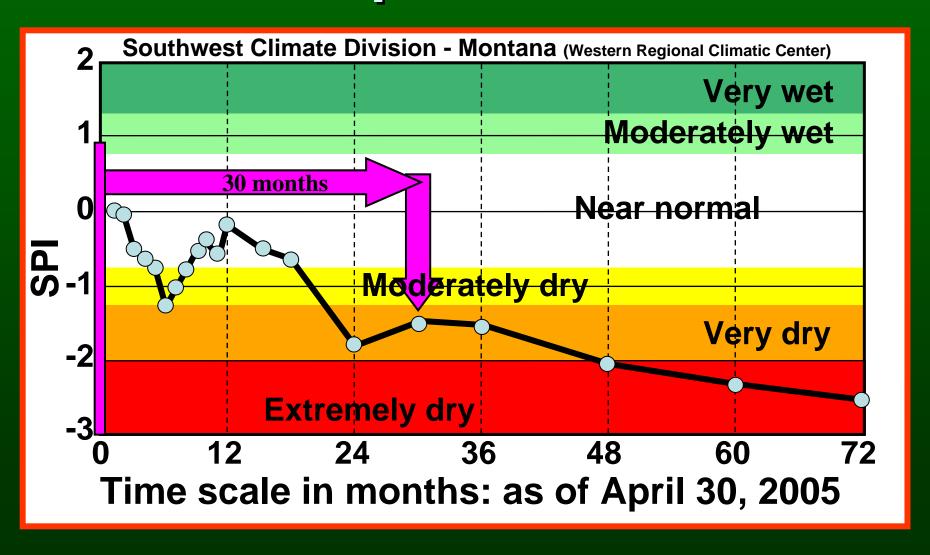


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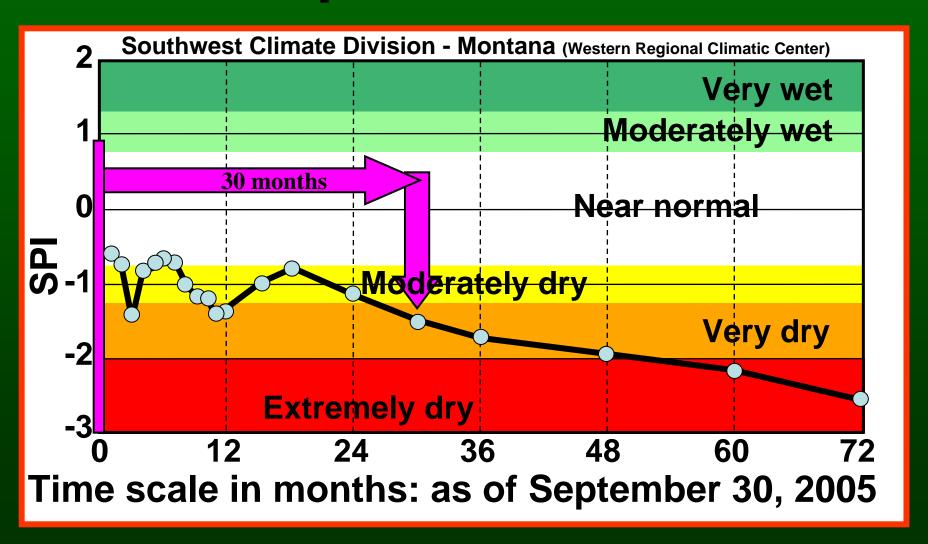
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